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The remainder of the stock of the Boston Store to be slaughtered.

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Duval & Percival of this city are saving the farmers of Bates county thousands of dollars by giving them the benefit of their lower rates of interest on farm loans.

We understand that Judge F. M. Steele will take charge of the jail and board the prisoners for sheriff Colyer. Judge Steele is one of the best men in the county and Mr. C. is to be congratulated for securing so excellent a family to look after the prisoners.

The democratic state central committee in session in St. Louis Thursday passed a resolution indorsing Col. Dick Dalton for surveyor of the port of St. Louis which was adopted unanimously, and a resolution indorsing Gov. Francis for a cabinet position was also adopted.

The fact that the great John G. Carlisle is yet a poor man, dependent wholly upon his salary as a senator for the means with which to buy meat and bread for himself and wife, is a reminder that there is yet rugged honesty among the men occupying high official places in America no less than splendid evidence of his fitness for the office of secretary of the treasury.—St. Louis Chronicle.

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 29.—The trial of Harvey Plattenburg, which has been of three days' duration, was ended here to day. Plattenburg shot and killed Policeman Dave Gray and James McDowell in this city on September 29, and has been in jail here ever since. The trial was to see whether or not the case was a bailable one, and Judge Richardson refused him bail.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—Cora Griffith, 28 years old, came to this city eight months ago with her parents. Since then both her parents have died. Yesterday afternoon the young woman spent her last dollar for a dancing lesson. At supper time she went to a restaurant and begged something to eat, then went to her boarding house at 322 East Washington street, swallowed an ounce of carbolic acid and died in an hour.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder.

The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.—No Ammonia; No Alum. Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

FOR SALE.—A good double barrel breech-loading, number twelve shotgun, cheap. W. A. BROUGH.

NOTICE.—I want 1000 pounds good butter. C. F. PHARIS.

List your land at once with J. W. Tucker, over Mo. State Bank, who wants a few more farms to complete his list. 2 tf

Parties desiring to borrow money on real estate for long or short time can be accommodated at very low rates of interest. Loans made so borrower can pay any part at any time and stop interest. Money on hand ready. No delay. Interest payable once a year. MISSOURI STATE BANK.

Squire D. G. Newsom returned Saturday from his trip to North Carolina, where he went to visit his father who is very sick. The squire reports that from the nature of the old gentleman's disease it is only a mere question of time with him. He is afflicted with paralysis and the physician said the end was near but uncertain and it might be a week or a month but his recovery was impossible. He is perfectly helpless and does not recognize his wife or attendants.

Farmers of Bates county, remember that C. F. Pharis the south side merchant buys your butter, poultry and eggs, when others will not. He pays the people cash. tf

At a recent meeting of the county court it was decided that Ex County Clerk Geo. I. Shepard had overdrawn his fees to the amount of over \$6,000, and demand was made upon him for the amount. This money is fees for keeping account of the treasurers books and has always been allowed to the previous county clerks and other counties are yet allowing it. But the attorney-general has decided that such allowance is illegal, and Mr. Shepard will have the case carried before the higher courts, and if the decision is against him the money will be repaid, as both Mr. Shepard and bondsmen are perfectly good.—Cass Co. Democrat.

Money to loan.—Farms for sale. A. S. MILLHORN, Real Estate Ag't. 3 tf South Side, Butler, Mo.

Sam Mulvey of Arkansas City went to Wichita, Kansas, Saturday, bought a lot in the cemetery, paid the sexton to dig a grave, went to an undertaker and procured a coffin, and paid a man to drive the hearse. After making these preparations he went to his hotel, wrote a number of letters, after which he went to bed and took a large dose of morphine with suicidal intent. He was discovered by the night clerk at the hotel, a doctor was summoned and he may recover. He had published a book that proved a failure and despondency caused him to commit the act.

The masquerade ball given by the Young Ladies Progressive Club at the Palace hotel Thursday night was the social event of the season, and a great success in every particular. The dance was held in the dining room, and promptly at 9 o'clock as the band played and the sweet strains of music floated away through the halls the grand march was taken up and the masqueraders filed into the dance room and the fun began, and it was enjoyment from start to finish as a better or more social time was never had on a similar occasion in this city. Those present from a distance who participated in the merry waltz were Misses Byrde Templin, Minnie Bennett and Mr. Baum, of Nevada; Lulu and Minnie Warnock of Columbia, Ills.; Miss Hornsberger and Jas. Bussey, of Rich Hill; S. F. Wise, of Kansas City; Miss Jennie Wade, of Springfield; Mrs. H. C. Turner, of Kentucky and Mr. Hodges of Joplin. After the second waltz the masks were discarded and the dancers appeared in evening costume. At 11 o'clock an elegant luncheon was served.

The services of Recorder Martin were in demand last week, and with a few strokes of his pen paved the way for the future bliss of the following couples, whom he presented with credentials that would in holy bonds of wedlock unite "two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one."

Horace M. Sanders and Miss Etta Belle Belcher, of Rockville; W. T. Layman and Lillie P. Neal, of Butler; O. P. O. Neal and Miss Maggie Province, of Johnstown; Clarence E. Morris and Cora Littlefield, of Foster; A. S. Weddle and McNichols, of Butler; F. E. Farmer, of Rich Hill, and Miss Jessie O. Lloyd, of Kansas City; E. B. McQuitty and Adalene S. Dale, of Rich Hill; Wm. Duffield, of Rich Hill, and Miss Dollie Atwood, of Reavely; S. E. Gragg, of Maysburg, and Miss Emma Bishop, of Carterville; Wm. H. Hammer, of Prairie City, and Miss Addie Hirni, of Butler; Geo. W. Culley and Miss Sophie Essences, of Papiuville; S. H. Robey, of Elkhardt, and Miss Clara M. Eckert, of Butler; E. A. Miller, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Ella O. Cox, of Burton, Kansas; J. W. Highbarger, of Borman, Oklahoma, and Miss Emma L. Elliott, of Butler; H. H. Dicktrader and Daisy M. Richey, of Rockville; K. T. Moore, of Louisburg, Kansas, and Miss Louisa M. Harris, of Burdett Mo.

A Pretty Woman Suicides. Springfield Press.

Last Friday the dead body of Minnie Spencer, a comely young sporting woman, was found in Maple Park cemetery. She was finely attired and a bottle that had contained carbolic acid lay by her side. Coroner Diemer held an inquest, the verdict being that she killed herself in a fit of despondency.

She had been living at Tom Hill's, but left there a few days before Mr. Hill said that she had previously threatened self destruction and that her despondency was due to the fact that her "fellow," Larry Blair, deserted her at Sedalia. Daisy Spencer, her sister, who is a handsome young woman, took her remains to Ft. Scott for interment, where they formerly lived before their parents died.

The way of the transgressor is still hard.

The Most Pleasant Way

Of preventing the gripe, colds, headaches, and fevers is to use the liquid laxative remedy Syrup of Figs whenever the system needs a gentle, yet effective cleansing. To be benefited one must get the true remedy manufactured by the California Syrup Fig Co. only. For sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles.

THE ROBBER ROBBED.

A Bold Bandit At Gilliam, Mo., Tackled the Wrong Cashier.

Gilliam, Mo., Dec. 29.—An attempt was made at 11 o'clock this morning to rob the Gilliam Exchange bank but the robber got robbed. A very powerfully built man stepped into the bank and drew a large revolver on the cashier and teller and demanded the cash. The cashier J. R. Kirk, was very cool and told the man he was excited and had forgotten the combination which was in the drawer in another room. The robber ordered the teller, O. P. Brown, to go after the combination. As he turned his eye to follow Brown Mr. Kirk grabbed the pistol and clinched with the robber. The teller ran into an adjoining drugstore and gave the alarm. In a few minutes several men went to Mr. Kirk's assistance and, after getting out in to the street, the robber was thrown down and after being choked black and blue let his grip on the pistol loose.

He proved to be Henry Hayner, a farmer living a few miles south of Slater, and is about 25 years old. He rode into town this morning and hitched his horse only a few feet from the bank and then put on his mask. At 12 o'clock his brother rode into town after the horse and was arrested. It appears that he had been riding around in the outskirts no doubt in readiness with a fresh horse. When the robber left his father's home this morning he had on a new suit of clothes, a fine overcoat and a white hat, but he had on an old white overcoat and a black hat when he entered the bank. In the scuffle his coat was torn nearly off and his face badly scarred. He has been in the west for several years and has the appearance of being a bad and fearless man. The bank has his revolver, a fine belt and a box of cartridges on exhibition.

A man named Cross, believed to be an accomplice of the Hayners, was arrested this evening and taken to Marshall by Constable Bridges of Slater.

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All Other Remedies Fail. Relieved Instantly and Cured in Four Weeks by the Cuticura Remedies.

I have a few words to say regarding the CUTICURA REMEDIES. They have cured me in four weeks' time from a Skin and Blood Disease which I have had for over three years. At certain times, my skin would be very sore, and always kept cracking and peeling off in white scales. In cold weather my face was one mass of scales. When in the cold air the pain was intense; it would almost bring tears to my eyes, and my blood also being in a poor condition, with a loss of hair. I have tried every known remedy that was recommended to me, but it was of no use, and gave me very little benefit. So, hearing of your CUTICURA REMEDIES, I concluded to give them a trial. The first application gave almost instant relief. In a few weeks' time I found myself cured, and I am thankful for what they have done for me. Your CUTICURA REMEDIES are a blessing to those who may have the opportunity to use them. I can recommend them to any one.

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Effect daily more great cures of humors and diseases of the skin, scalp, and blood than all other remedies combined. CUTICURA, the great skin cure, and CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite skin purifier and beautifier, externally, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT, the new Blood Purifier and greatest of humors remedies, internally, cure every species of itching, burning, scaly, pimply, and blotchy diseases of the skin, scalp, and blood, from infancy to age, from pimples to scrofula, when the best physicians and all other remedies fail.

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A CARD.

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For this proof of your continued favor, we again thank you, kind friends, and promise to merit a still larger increase the coming year by strict attention to business, honorable business methods, courteous treatment, and the lowest prices for reliable goods.

Respectfully yours,
AMERICAN CLOTHING HOUSE.

20 DAYS CLOSING OUT SALE OF Blankets

All Woolen Goods. A large amount of sample

Shawls, Hosiery, Boots and Shoes,

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